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Seven sweet older collies rescued in Phoenix

In early October, we took in seven beautiful collies from a former breeder. We scrambled to find foster homes for them and some of us worried that the oldest ones would have a hard time finding adopters.

Our fears were unfounded. All the collies proved to be sweet, well-behaved and social. All were show dogs; a few were champions.

Only one of the seven was spayed or neutered. Beyond that, nearly all the dogs had dental issues, some

more urgent than others.

Still, the two 10-year-olds now are adopted. The two 6-to-7-year-olds should be adopted very soon.

And 9-year-old Aiden, who's on medical hold, could be available in the near future if all goes well.

Only Ben, at the advanced age of 14, will stay at his foster home until the end of his life.

Sometimes, as these lovely older collies prove, a great temperament can triumph over mere youth.



AIDEN, 9, a collie champion, has a wonderful temperament. He does need some work with housebreaking and marking. In his youth he had an episode of gastric torsion (bloat); his stomach was stapled to help prevent a recurrence. As a result, he must eat smaller meals more frequently. *On medical hold.*



KAYLA, 6 or 7, is in a Foster-to-Adopt home in Phoenix. Chances are she'll be adopted when her vetting is complete. *Adoption likely.*



BEN, 14, is a pleasant, lumbering fellow who enjoys attention and loves to follow you around the house. He's fine with other dogs. His house-training progress has been iffy. Ben spends much of the day sleeping and dreaming. *Will remain in his foster home.*



NICHOLAS, 6 or 7, is recovering from a difficult neuter surgery. He also had a mass removed from under his tail. This shy, extremely sweet boy is in a Foster-to-Adopt home in Phoenix. *Adoption likely.*



SUMMER, 5, has been adopted by her foster family in Mountainair, NM (see story, p. 4).



SPRING (SPRINGEE), 10, is a super-sweet girl who gets along well with other dogs. She is playful outside but still a bit unsure of herself inside. She is very loving and enjoys curling up on her favorite chair. She and Tazzie (below) are sisters. *She has just been adopted.*



TASMANIAN (TAZZIE), 10, is a healthy girl with a sweet temperament. She's very active for her age and seems younger than she is. *She was recently adopted.*